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THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Fernandina people have been aroused to enthusiasm over the proposed hard road between that city and Jacksonville, and now the county commissioners of Duval are giving serious attention to the subject.

Seabreeze would like to see the Clarendon rebuilt, but is not willing to pay such a price for a new hotel as the closing of a great avenue to the sea involves. Seabreeze wants no barrier to the sea breezes nor to the access to the seashore of her citizens.

A statement of the exports and imports through Port Inglis for the year ending December 31, 1908, shows that of the hard rock phosphate shipped in that year 190,709 tons of the total of 709,190 tons went from Port Inglis, which was surpassed only by Fernandina, with its 193,148 tons. That quite a large amount of business was transacted last year at the port at the mouth of the Withlacoochee river is made evident by the total of exports, \$2,479,217, of which \$44,291 was the value of domestic shipments. The imports for the year amounted to \$33,460.20. The total commerce of Port Inglis from September 25, 1902, to the end of last year was \$12,552,454.45 in value. The vessels and the craft in the trade of the Withlacoochee river include 37 steamers, tugs and launches, 11 seagoing barges and 8 sailing vessels, which establishes its rank as an important stream for Florida.

Although the shipping season has hardly begun yet, the vegetable business over the Florida railroads is already quite up to the capacity of their respective freight services to care for it. Besides this, the tourist travel is the heaviest in the history of Florida. All that spells prosperity for the state.

The giant Florida, which will be one of the two biggest battleships in the American navy—her sister ship, the Utah, being the other—will cost \$6,000,000. That's about as much as was paid by the United States for the whole territory of Florida, less than ninety years ago, but it would be a mighty small fraction of the value of the state now.

It is a matter of pride that Florida produced more than 17,000,000 of the \$36,500,000 gallons of turpentine, which was the output for 1908 of that branch of the naval stores industry for the entire country, and nearly 2,000,000 of the grand total of 4,000,000 barrels of rosin. It is not only a cause for congratulation that Florida leads all the states in the production of naval stores, Georgia coming next, with more than 10,000,000 gallons of turpentine and 1,000,000 barrels of rosin, but there is also the comforting circumstance that new methods of turpentine promise to double the life of the trees that are tapped and diminish the danger from fires. This

will tend to prolong Florida's supremacy in this line.

That Inaugural Day blizzard came in time to remind many northern tourists of the advisability of remaining in Florida a few weeks longer.

Key West business men are considering the organization of a law and order league to aid the police in the enforcement of the state and city laws.

It is explained that the policy of retrenchment being followed by the Hillsborough school board was forced upon it by circumstances. It is to be regretted that contingencies should arise which compel the disturbance of the school system in the midst of a term by the consolidation of schools and the discharge of experienced teachers, who had won the esteem and affection of their pupils, but there seems to be no remedy in this case. All the schools of the state are more or less affected by the sudden withdrawal of income owing to the unconstitutionality of an act of the legislature, which act had led boards of education to go further than they would have done otherwise.

The appeal of the state board of health made through its organ, Florida Health Notes, is one which deserves the attention of the people of the state. The board has done the state an immeasurable amount of good in stamping out yellow fever and in partly eradicating other forms of malarious disease until Florida is no longer regarded as an unhealthy state. It has never been adequately supported by the legislature in its unselfish work for the general good and all it asks is that the legislature enable it to carry out its plans freely. Every Floridian should second the efforts of the board by laboring with representatives and senators to induce a more friendly attitude toward the guardians of the public health.

They are making roads of sawdust, mixed with earth, on a new plan in Leon county. Two ridges of earth are thrown up with a road machine at the required width from each other and the space between is filled in with a six-inch bed of sawdust. This is followed with a smaller machine which plows up and mixes the earth with the sawdust. This makes a roadbed on which the tires of the heaviest loaded vehicles make no impression. The contractor, has kept an accurate account of expenses in connection with this section of sawdust-and-earth road and says the cost aggregates \$297 a mile, showing it to be about the cheapest road material in use.

"The Dumping Ground for the Legislature" is what Commissioner McLin says he would call his department, instead of Department of Agriculture, if he were asked to give it a name. Considering the heterogeneous nature of the business referred to that department by the legislature, the change of name would be justifiable.

Near Death in Big Pond.

It was a thrilling experience to Mrs. Ida Soper to face death. "For years a severe lung trouble gave me intense suffering," she writes, "and several times nearly caused my death. All remedies failed and doctors said I was incurable. Then Dr. King's New Discovery brought quick relief and a cure so permanent that I have not been troubled in twelve years." Mrs. Soper lives in Big Pond, Pa. It works wonders in Coughs and Colds, Sore Lungs, Hemorrhages, LaGrippe, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by S. W. Rowley.

"As an asset, Florida's climate is worth more than Pennsylvania's coal and iron; the latter, naturally, will be exhausted sooner or later; the former will continue to the end of time," so spoke Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, who is a prominent visitor to Florida.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

\$367,000 FOR FLORIDA

Appropriation For River and Harbor Improvements.

SURVEYS TO BE MADE AT ONCE

Twenty-Four Foot Channel in St. Johns River From Jacksonville to the Sea Now Assured.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Captain George R. Spalding, engineer in charge of this district of the United States engineering corps, with headquarters in Jacksonville, has received official information from Washington that an appropriation of \$367,000 had been authorized and is available for the improvement and maintenance of rivers and harbors in Florida.

The amounts allotted to the various sections of the state are as follows: St. Johns river, from Jacksonville to the ocean \$30,000; Tampa Bay \$20,000; Hillsboro Bay and Hillsboro River, \$10,000; for operating dredges Florida and Suwannee and for maintaining following improvements: Orange River, Charlotte Harbor, Caloosahatchee River, Sarasota Bay, Manatee River, Anclote, Crystal and Suwannee Rivers, Volusia Bar, Oklawaha and Indian Rivers, \$37,000.

Captain Spalding is also in receipt of a copy of an act from Washington entitled, "An Act to provide for the repair, maintenance and preservation of public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," appropriation for which has been made and will be immediately available upon, after the surveys have been made.

The secretary of war has authorized preliminary examinations and surveys to be made at the localities in Florida named below, and a sufficient sum to pay the cost will be allotted from the amount appropriated in the bill.

Saint Augustine harbor, with a view to constructing the necessary sea walls and also to provide a channel sixteen feet deep and 300 feet wide from the city of St. Augustine to the ocean.

Mosquito Inlet to New Smyrna. Kissimmee river, from Kissimmee to Lake Okechobee.

Indian river, from Fort Pierce to Sewalls Point.

Suwannee river, from White Springs to the Gulf of Mexico.

St. Johns river, from Jacksonville to the ocean, with a view to obtaining a depth of thirty feet.

Channel from Apalachicola river to St. Andrews bay.

Manatee river, with a view to securing a depth of thirteen feet from the mouth to Palmetto and Bradentown, and thence such depth to Elenton and Rye as commerce may demand.

Hillsborough bay, from the 24-foot contour in the bay through the present 20-foot channel to the head of the estuary in the direction of Ybor City, thence from the mouth of said estuary through said bay, as near the eastern shore thereof as practicable, to the western end of Hookers Point, and thence through the channel recently constructed by the Tampa Northern Railway Company to said 20-foot channel.

Sarasota bay, from Tampa bay to Venice, thence through Caseys Pass to Lemon Bay and thence Gasparilla Sound.

Pine Island Sound, from Wulfert bulkhead to Blind Pass, thence along the western side of said sound to Captiva bulkhead.

New River, Dade county, Florida, with a view to securing a depth of 20 feet of water at the cut-off near the mouth, with jetties to protect the same.

The narrows, Santa Rosa Sound, Florida, for a channel of six feet, and Saint Marys river.

The Lurid Glow of Doom

was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams, of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors, who said the poisoned blood had affected his lungs and nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Sores and all Blood Disorders and Rheumatism Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50c. Guaranteed by S. W. Rowley.

FLORIDA INDUSTRIES PROTECTED.

New Tariff Will Not Change Schedules for Citrus Fruits and Tobacco.

Tampa, Fla.—That Florida, and South Florida particularly, will be amply protected in the new tariff bill which is the especial matter being considered at the special session of congress, is the gratifying intelligence brought home by Representative S. M. Sparkman. Mr. Sparkman is especially gratified at the prospect of an advance in the duty on vegetables, which means that the Cuban competition will be lessened and that the truck growers of this section of the state will have a good market for their produce.

While he does not believe that there will be any radical change in the tariff, Mr. Sparkman says he believes, from the information he has received, that there will be many changes. These changes, however, will not be on the schedules of revenue affecting materially Florida and South Florida. The cigar and tobacco schedules, he says, will probably remain the same. He gains this information from conversing with representatives of the several large tobacco concerns who were present at the capital, and from his fellow representatives who were interested in the tariff on these commodities.

While Mr. Sparkman is not in a position to speak positively on the various schedules affecting Florida and South Florida commerce, he is in possession of a sufficient amount of information to say that there will be no change in the tobacco and sugar schedule or in the citrus fruit schedule. There will be a change, he believes, in the vegetable schedule, as this is an item on which a hard fight has been made. The lumbermen, he says, are hopeful that there will be no reduction.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portions of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Halls' Catarrh Cure.—Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

TO CHANGE PENSACOLA'S CHARTER.

Commission Form of Government is Urged.

Pensacola, Fla.—The Galveston form of government by commission is being urged in Pensacola, and is as much as the citizens are desirous of a change from the present unsatisfactory manner of electing officers, an effort will be made to have the legislature amend the charter of the city so as to provide for a commission to be composed of five persons, one of whom shall be mayor.

Kills Would-Be Slayer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims. But Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Chills, Malaria, Headache and Indigestion. 25c at S. W. Rowley's.

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c at S. W. Rowley's.